SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals from State Governments, particularly from Haryana for setting up of new sugar mills during the current year;

(b) If so, the number of licences granted under the new guidelines for setting up of sugar mills during 1991-92 with locations thereof; State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals pending clearance with the Government and the reasons therefor; and

(d) when these pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Letter of Intent/Licence for setting up of a new sugar factory has been granted under the new licensing policy guidelines during the current sugar year (from October 1991) till date.

(c) and (d). As on 31.01.1992, 689 applications for setting up of new sugar factories are pending consideration with the Ministry of Food. Government has announced the revised licencing policy guidelines for the sugar year 1991-92 and 8th plan period (1992-93 to 1996-97) on 08.11.1991. All pending applications would now be considered as per these revised guidelines.

Insurance Cover of Industries Handling Hazardous substances

958. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing industries handling hazardous substances are bound to take adequate insurance cover under the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 by March 1992;

(b) whether the General Insurance Corporation (GIC) refuses to issue any insurance cover under the Act unless Government puts a limit on claims; and

(c) if so the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Public Liability Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 1992 has been promulgated on 31.1.92 fixing the limits of insurance cover.

[Translation]

Sale of Flour gags through FPS

959. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to stop supply of wheat to Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to sell flour bags to consumers instead of wheat;

(c) if so, the date from which it is likely to be started and the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the benefits likely to accrue to the consumers and to the Government; and

(e) whether the Government have taken measures for quality control and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD(SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The Central Government allocates wheat from the Central Pool to the State Governments/Union Territories for supply through the Public Distribution System. However, it is open to the State Governments/Union Territories to convert the wheat into *atta* and distribute is under the Public Distribution System.

(c) to (e). Since these matters fall within the purview of the State Governments/Union Territories, the Central Government has no information to furnish.

Doubling of Kajra-Bhagalpur Railway Line

960. KUMARI UMA BHARTI:
SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of doubling the railway line between Kajra-Bhagalpur on Kiul-Sahebganj Section of Eastern Railway was started and the initial total estimated cost thereof;

(b) the original schedule for the completion of the project;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of this work within the stipulated period;

(d) the revised estimated cost of the project; and

(e) the progress made so far in the project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The work was started in 1981-82 at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.8 crores.

(b) 31.12.1991.

(c) There has not been much delay as the work is in final stages.

(d) Rs. 32.20 cores.

(e) Out of 14 sections 12 have already been opened. The remaining sections are expected to be completed in the current financial year.

[*English*]

Primary Health Centres in Chhotanagpur, Bihar

962. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minster of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open primary health centres under family welfare programmes with Central assistance in Chhotanagpur, Bihar; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Primary Health Centres are opened by the State Governments under the minimum Needs Programme. Funds for the same are allocated by the Planning Commission in the State Plans.